

Serious Incident Report no. 631

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FSC SIR Category	1 Standard
Subject	Earthquake on Kos - deaths reported/FX staff save and sound
Type of SIR	4 Final SIR
JORA Incident number (if any)	
Joint Operation	Poseidon Sea 2017
Frontex SIR Coordinator	
Incident date/time	21/07/2017 01:30 AM
Detection date/time	21/07/2017 01:30 AM
Original source of the information	Text Removed - Justification 4
Location of the incident	Kos
Is latitude unknown	Yes
Latitude	
Is longitude unknown	Yes
Longitude	
Reference to the operational area	Yes
Frontex resources involved (Human resources / co-financed technical equipment)	No
Type of resources / involvement	Human resources
Dead persons	2
Injured persons	100
Missing persons	0

Information/allegations

Text Removed - Justification 4 reported a strong earthquake on Kos Island: In the early hours this morning an earthquake occurred on the island of Kos (strength 6.7 according to HP). All Text Removed - Justification 4 are safe and sound. No Frontex staff was injured in the earthquake. From the HP and the Greek media, it is reported that two tourists died, after a wall of a bar was collapsed because of the earthquake (one Turkish 30 years old and one Swedish 20 years old). Persons were injured (mainly because of fallen objects). Serious damages are reported in the historic, very popular old town. Serious damages at the port, which is not functioning at the time being. Experts are on the spot to check the exact damages and whether and when it can operate again. The airport is operational.

Measures

Most of the Text Removed - Justification 4 were waiting outside their accommodations. Coordinated by the Text Removed - Justification 4 most of the FRONTEX personnel staying at Kos Town gathered in a central place under clear sky and spent the night together. Safety inspections were conducted before reentering the buildings. Experts (no FX) were on the spot of the port to check the exact damages and whether and when it can operate again. Due to lack of water hand sanitation was handed out to the Text Removed - Justification 4 staying there in order to assure some basic level of hygiene. It was arranged that Text Removed - Justification 4 could shower at hotels of other Text Removed - Justification 4 where the water supply was working well. Both the Text Removed - Justification 4 and Text Removed - Justification 4 assisted HP during the events of the night providing help and assistance to third party hotel guests and some minor first aid. Text Removed - Justification 2. Overall situation Kos: It could be spotted that for clearing the larger debris heavy equipment and vehicles were deployed by the municipal authorities.

Assessment

Text Removed - Justification 4 visited RIC - no damages of the premises, all technical assets operational. According to HP the harbour was seriously damaged and will be closed for at least 2 days. Text Removed - Justification 4 reported that water is slowly flowing from tap and shower. Text Removed - Justification 2. Due to the severe damage on the harbor installations there was no maritime traffic at all. No FX equipment in any form was damaged due to the incident. All rented vehicles are in order and undamaged. Neither is the Text Removed - Justification 5. The containers themselves and the equipment inside are in the same good shape as they were left after yesterday's work. Power and water supply are fully functional at the RIC. Duty can be assumed without any interference on July 22nd. Overall situation Kos: Inside many shops and restaurants the furniture and other items were damaged. Same in many hotel rooms. Whereas most of the people in town spent the whole night and the morning outside of their accommodation during the course of the day most of the everyday life is slowly going back to normal. Bars, Cafés and Restaurants were opening after some tidying up. Power supply, water supply and internet seem to be back on and stable. Good and professional cooperation of all Text Removed - Justification 4 deployed on Kos led to a successful and quick assessment of the situation to make sure everybody was safe and well.

Final outcome